

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2023

Statement on the Shooting in Louisville, Kentucky

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Once again, our Nation is in mourning after a senseless act of gun violence. Jill and I are praying for those killed and injured in the tragic shooting in Louisville, and for the survivors who will carry grief and trauma for the rest of their lives. We are grateful to the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department officers who quickly and courageously stepped into the line of fire to save others.

How many more Americans must die before Republicans in Congress will act to protect our communities? It's long past time that we require safe storage of firearms, require background checks for all gun sales, eliminate gun manufacturers' immunity from liability. We can and must do these things now.

A strong majority of Americans want lawmakers to act on commonsense gun safety reforms. Instead, from Florida to North Carolina to the U.S. House of Representatives, we've watched Republican officials double down on dangerous bills that make our schools, places of worship, and communities less safe. It's unconscionable, it's reckless, and too many Americans are paying with their lives.

NOTE: The statement referred to Thomas Elliott, James Tutt, Joshua Barrick, Juliana Farmer, and Deana Eckert, employees of Old National Bank, who were killed in the shooting.

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